

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF
ROWAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
MARCH 5, 1979

The Board of Rowan County Commissioners met in Regular Session in the Community Building, Salisbury, North Carolina at 1:00 p.m. The following members were present: Chairman Paul Smith, Hall Steele, Rufus Honeycutt, Bradford Ligon and John Wear, MD.

Chairman Smith called the meeting to order and Rufus Honeycutt opened with prayer.

Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt and seconded by Dr. Wear, the minutes of February 5th were unanimously approved.

Commissioner Honeycutt along with Chairman Smith reported that they had attended a party honoring Mrs. Ruby Lentz who is retiring from the Health Department.

A proposal was received from Bill Wagoner, Wagoner Construction Company for \$8,980 to 600 square feet to the Tax Supervisor's Office. This room will be used for Tax Revaluation. Upon a motion by Commissioner Honeycutt, seconded by Commissioner Steele, the proposal was unanimously approved with the funds to come from contingencies.

A letter of resignation was received from Douglas Rushing, Assistant Agriculture Extension Agent effective April 6, 1979.

A letter of resignation effective February 12, 1979 from the Rowan County Airport Board was received from Jim L. Bost.

A letter was received from Raymond H. Hayworth Director of the Rowan County Planning Board inviting the Commissioners to a dinner meeting at Kent's Steak House on Monday, March 19, 1979 at 7:00 p.m.

A letter was received from Jean E. Davis, North Carolina Department of Natural Resources and Community Development with a list of schedules of public meetings to hear comments on the draft plan and discuss revisions to the Statewide Comprehensive Water Quality Plan. The meetings in this area would be at the education center in Charlotte at 7:00 p.m. on March 22, 1979 and the County Commissioners Meeting Room on Tuesday, March 27, 1979 at 7:00 p.m. in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

The following transfer were unanimously approved upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt and seconded by Dr. Wear.

Upon a motion by Mr. Steele, seconded by Mr. Ligon, the following new personnel were unanimously approved.

Max E. Clark – Dog Pound Assistant
Hired 1/29/79 – Salary \$479/month

Patricia B. Robinson – Social Services Clerk Typist
Hired 1/29/79- Salary \$377.75/month

Luanne C. Sides- Clerk Register of Deeds
Hired 1/22/79 – Salary \$503/month

Cynthia D. Williams – Public Health Nurse I
Hired 1/25/79 – Salary \$865/month

Hallie Hair – Truck Driver
Hired 2/5/79 – Salary \$609/month

J.T. Pardue – Truck Drive
Hired 2/20/79 – Salary \$294.46

A proposed amendment to the Rowan County Sedimentation and Erosion Control Ordinance was approved at the regular meeting on February 5, 1979. All five Commissioners were not present at that meeting. The amendment was read for the second time at the March 5th meeting. A motion was made by Dr. Wear, seconded by Mr. Honeycutt with unanimous approval to adopt the amendment.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Steele, seconded by Commissioner Honeycutt a proposed solid waste container ordinance was unanimously approved.

Glenn Trexler, Tax Collector reported \$247,529.55 taxes collected for the month of February, 1979.

Mr. James Queen, Chief Counselor for Juvenile Court Counseling Service, received a letter from Nancy J. Honeycutt, Consultant, Community Based Alternatives, in regards to juvenile delinquency prevention funds. To be eligible for the County's share of \$16,386 a letter of intent to participate along with a pre-application must be submitted by March 15, 1979. Mr. Steele moved that Mr. Queen be authorized to apply along with a letter of intent. Commissioner Honeycutt seconded and it was unanimously approved.

Lt. Ed Haupt presented the Commissioners with three pre-applications which had been submitted to the Criminal Justice Advisory Committee for Region F for consideration of LEAA funding for 1980. The advisory committee listed priority projects by number. Rowan County projects were: river deputy, jail security, and records clerk. The only project for consideration for funding for Rowan County in 1980 is the river deputy. Commissioner Honeycutt moved that an application for the grant be made, seconded by Commissioner Ligon. Commissioner Steele and Dr. Wear voted nay making it a 3 to 2 vote.

Commissioner Honeycutt made a recommendation on the secondary road resolution for 1979-80 to change item 2 of page 3. He recommended paving the remaining portion of Webb Road to the Old Concord Road. Commissioner Honeycutt moved to approve the resolution with the above change, seconded by Dr. Wear and unanimously approved.

A copy of a memorandum to Jack Murdoch, Secondary Road Officer was received from H.L. Satterwhite, Area Traffic Engineer concerning a request for a traffic signal installation for the intersection at Klumac Road with the access road to Rowan County Technical Institute and also to connect SR 2579 with SR 2580 to form a continuous service road along I-85 between SR 2541 and SR 2528 Julian Road. An investigation indicated the traffic signal was not warranted and the connection of the two roadways would require new construction and additional cost. Commissioner Honeycutt moved to table this request until more information could be obtained. It was seconded by Commissioner Steele and unanimously approved.

Jean Ramsey, Register of Deeds appeared before the Board requesting an in-house computer capability with three terminals to index land records. She also requested authorization to purchase 8 video training tapes for use by her personnel to learn the required procedures. Mr. Honeycutt moved, seconded by Dr. Wear and unanimously approved her request for the purchase of the video tapes at the cost of \$300 from account 5351. Dr. Wear moved the other request for the terminals be tabled until further information on the total cost could be obtained.

Mayors John Seaford of Granite Quarry and Charles Carter of Faith appeared before the Board with a request for financial support for the Faith, Granite Quarry police authority. A police report was given as to number of miles driven in the area from November 21, 1978 to February 20, 1979. Commissioner Honeycutt moved this report be received as information and the request brought before the Commissioners at a later date.

Commissioner Honeycutt moved that the Board go into executive session, seconded by Dr. Wear and unanimously approved.

Leslie Lee, Civil Preparedness Director appeared before the Board to answer questions concerning the quotations made at the Salem Lutheran Church Fire. He stated he did not criticize the fire department or any personnel. He stated that he had been misquoted but made a public apology in the Salisbury Post.

Chairman Smith appointed Mr. Honeycutt, Dr. Wear, Clarence Kluttz, and the County Manager to meet with all the fire chiefs, the county Fire Marshal, Robert Gunn, and Leslie Lee to investigate all pertinent facts and make a recommendation to the Commissioners on their findings. Mr. Honeycutt moved to adjourn the executive session, seconded by Mr. Ligon.

A letter was received from Mr. Hawley, Director, Health Department requesting the approval of the Board of Commissioners to budget the position for a nutritionist at the second step level with an annual salary of \$12,468. Mr. Honeycutt moved to approve this request, seconded by Mr. Ligon.

The County manager reported the interest received through February 28, 1979 as follows:

General Fund	\$82,081.05
Reappraisal	12,989.52
Kerr Mill	403.99
Revenue Sharing	10,165.19
Debt Service	<u>739.02</u>
Total	\$106,378.77

Upon a motion by Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Ligon, the following refund was unanimously approved:

Joe Frye - \$22.68

The 1979-80 budget will be presented to the Commissioners on May 21, 22 and 23rd.

Mr. Honeycutt moved to sign a new agreement with the US Postal Service for additional space at the Old Post office. It was seconded by Mr. Ligon and unanimously approved. (Attached)

The amended social services budget was approved by a motion from Mr. Honeycutt, seconded by Mr. Ligon and unanimously approved. (Attached)

The County Manager reminded the Commissioners of the Agriculture Extension Dinner Meeting to be held at the Agriculture Extension building at 5:00 p.m. on March 5, 1979.

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Margaret B. Olsen, Clerk
Rowan County Board of Commissioners